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THE PREPARATION OF HIGH STRENGTH
PAPER PRODUCTS

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Fortuna, Jose A.

AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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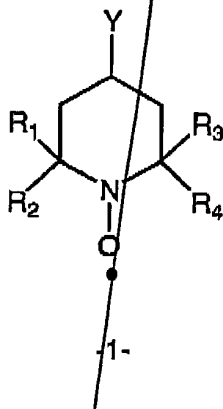
Claims 1-3 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

AMENDMENTS

Please replace claim 16 as follows:

16. The method of Claim 15 wherein the nitroxyl radical has the formula:



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